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2021 Wisconsin Act 63 [2021 Senate Bill 14]

Marriage Officiants

2021 Wisconsin Act 63 revises the description of judges who may officiate a marriage. In particular, the act specifies that “any justice or judge” may serve as a marriage officiant, rather than only a “judge of a court of record,” as under prior law. The revision clarifies that a judge or justice from any jurisdiction may serve as a marriage officiant.

The act does not affect the existing authority for a municipal judge, circuit court commissioner, or reserve judge to serve as a marriage officiant.

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